# Advancing Gender Equality in the People's Republic of China

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# **Progress on Gender Equality**

#### 1. Overview of Key Achievements

- China is committed to the Constitutional principle and fundamental national policy of gender equality and to the protection of the legitimate rights and interests of women.
- Steady progress has been achieved in women's comprehensive development, eg. in decision-making and management, education, economic empowerment, health, social protection, sci-tech innovation and etc.

#### 2. Success Story/Best practice

Policies adopted to support female scientists and technologists

- China extended age limit for women when applying for Youth Science Fund from 35 to 40 years old, from 40 to 45 years old for Youth Science and Technology Award, 5 years more than that of men.
- China carries out the Spring Bud Project to help women to study STEM.

# **Challenges and Future Directions**

## 1. Ongoing Challenges

- Inequality between men and women in rights, opportunities, access to resources and etc.;
- Discrimination in employment;
- Domestic violence;
- Gender digital divide.

### 2. Strategies for the Future

- Formulating inclusive development strategies;
- Creating favorable environment for comprehensive development;
- Enhancing international cooperation on women's cause.



# THANK YOU!

